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Mom, dad hold keys to real estate

ECONOMY

Parents act as gatekeepers to life in Toronto

The bank of Mom and Dad is giving many first-time Toronto homebuyers the help they need to get into the housing market, a recent survey has found.

Thirty-five per cent of recent first-time homebuyers in Toronto made their down payment with a gift or loan from family, according to the survey conducted by Environics for mortgage insurer Genworth Canada.

"It's a phenomenon happening in Vancouver and Toronto where accessibility of starter homes for first-time buyers is getting quite pricey," said David MacDonald of Environics Research.

Toronto real-estate agent Ophira Sutton sees a generational loop in which millennials will buy a home from someone in their parents' generation and pay "big, huge prices" for it.

Meanwhile, parents will use their own inflated real-estate assets "to help the young ones into the loop," she said.

JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

More on Toronto's growing real-estate generation gap, page 6

CANADA-WIDE

Twenty-eight per cent of first-time buyers across Canada reported family financial help.

Vancouver is where family helps most often: 40 per cent of the time.

GENOCIDE REMEMBERING RWANDA

Nathalie Munyampenda at city hall on Tuesday, the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwandan Genocide. Story, page 8. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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White House goes dark. Page 12

Urban farmyards all set to hatch around Toronto

LIVESTOCK

Rent the Chicken offers incubating eggs and hens

City dwellers with a hankering for farm-fresh eggs will soon be in luck, if they're willing to skirt city bylaws.

The Stoddart Family Farm in Kawartha Lakes is rolling out its Rent the Chicken program, offering hens or incubating eggs to Torontonians keen on doing some backyard farming.

After months with the hens or hatched eggs, the farm allows customers to either adopt the fowl or sell them back for $1.

The catch? The City of Toronto long ago banned backyard poultry. But according to the farm's co-owner, Harry Stoddart, those regulations are mostly enforced "on a complaint basis."

"There are no bylaw officers I've seen out there looking for chickens," he told the Torstar News Service, adding that he wasn't worried about the city clamping down on backyard farmers.

The city has yet to crack down on the rental program, but Elizabeth Glibbery, manager of animal services, said staff are "actively investigating the business."

In an email to Torstar, she said bylaw officers are always "observing for any prohibited animals … whether there is a complaint or not."

Still, Stoddart is confident he won't have to round up livestock from renters due to take delivery of their eggs or hens in early May.

He said American iterations of the business operating in areas with similar bylaws "haven't had to pick up a hen yet" from a renter with an upset neighbour.

To avoid that possibility from becoming a reality, he has even recommended that renters have a discussion with their neighbours about the forthcoming additions to their property.

In January 2012, he noted, city council voted to uphold the anti-chicken laws and shelved a motion asking staff to study the feasibility of allowing urban livestock to be kept in backyard coops.

The concerns were mainly about clucking livestock becoming a nuisance and creating unsanitary conditions.

But Stoddart insists that's not going to be the case with his hens.

"They don't make much noise and their coops are moveable. They don't even make much smell," he said. "I think once people experience neighbours having chickens, they will realize it is no big deal."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rent the Chicken has come to Toronto, enabling locals to buy chickens — but city bylaws say it's illegal to keep livestock in your backyard. The business is able to skirt bylaws, says Rent the Chicken's Toronto supplier, Harry Stoddart, pictured, because the city is enforcing its livestock policies only "on a complaint basis." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC

Consent concerns over pics of women

A new Instagram account is posting photos of women on the TTC, raising concerns about consent and the safety of female riders.

The account, called TTC Women (@ttcwomen), claims to post pictures of "beautiful women seen on the TTC … for the sake of fun and beauty."

Some women shown on the account are posing for photos, but others are facing away from the camera. At least one photo shows a woman in her underwear.

"It looks extremely creepy. They don't seem to know their photos being taken, and they have no say in whether that's OK or not," said Sabera Esufali, a peer support co-ordinator at the Centre for Women and Trans People at the University of Toronto.

"There's this idea that calling women beautiful and catcalling them is a compliment. But these actions, behaviours and words are not called for or consented to."

Spokeswoman Jessica Martin said the TTC can't prohibit any photography but encouraged anyone who feels harassed to speak to a uniformed TTC employee.

"We ask that people respect the privacy of their fellow riders," Martin said. "If they feel their safety is at risk, activate the emergency alarm on subway trains."

But the photographer can stealthily take photos of riders without their knowledge, Esufali said. DEBORAH HERNANDEZ/METRO

Bollywood actress to be honoured at Pride

INTERVIEW

Indian star faces tough battle fighting homophobia

Bollywood actress and beauty icon Celina Jaitly will represent global LGBTQ communities at this year's Toronto Pride Parade, where she will be honoured as international grand marshal.

Despite death threats and cultural opposition, Jaitly has long worked on behalf of India's sexual minorities and has been a vocal opponent of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, which makes same-sex relationships illegal.

In 2013, the United Nations recognized Jaitly's efforts by naming her an Equality Champion in its Free & Equal campaign. Jaitly's campaign video, in which an Indian family meets a gay son's partner for the first time, became the most widely watched video the UN has ever produced.

You've been an outspoken critic of India's policies on LGBTQ rights and an advocate globally for years. Why is this issue so close to your heart?

In short, there are people in the LGBTQ community who have played important roles in my life.… I've seen their agonies and ecstasies. The biggest problem in our country is people do not educate themselves about homosexuality. But I saw what my friends from the LGBTQ community were going through. When I fell in love for the first time, I did not know the man I was in love with was a closeted gay person. That relationship changed me forever — changed the way I think, the way I perceive people, everything about me. Because when you love someone, you love them selflessly, and you don't expect anything in return. There was another person who was like a mother to me — also a gay man. These people had a massive influence on my life, and when they passed away right after each other, it was a big shock to me. That was a big turning point, and I decided to stand up and actively do something about it.

What was it about their passing that pushed you even further into this work?

It was shocking, because one moment you speak with someone on the phone and the next moment you get that call. This makeup artist, who was like a mom to me in my travelling days … died in a tragic railway accident.… In the last conversation I'd had with him just one week before this, he told me, "I'm already going to be 60 in five years. I don't have a life partner, and I'm scared of being old and having no one in my life. I've lived half my life alone, in a closet.…" He was much older, so he came from a different generation when being gay was unheard of.... My biggest heartache has always been that our last conversation was not a happy one.… A lot of people in India say, "Our biggest fear is old age. Who will take care of us?"

What are you most excited for at Pride Toronto?

I think it's amazing, and I wish it was the same in my country. People really struggle to get sponsors, money and permission from the authorities. It's a never-ending, tedious process.… It makes me so happy to be a part of this great celebration of human beings. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

2013

The United Nations recognized Celina Jaitly's efforts by naming her an Equality Champion as part of its Free & Equal campaign in 2013.
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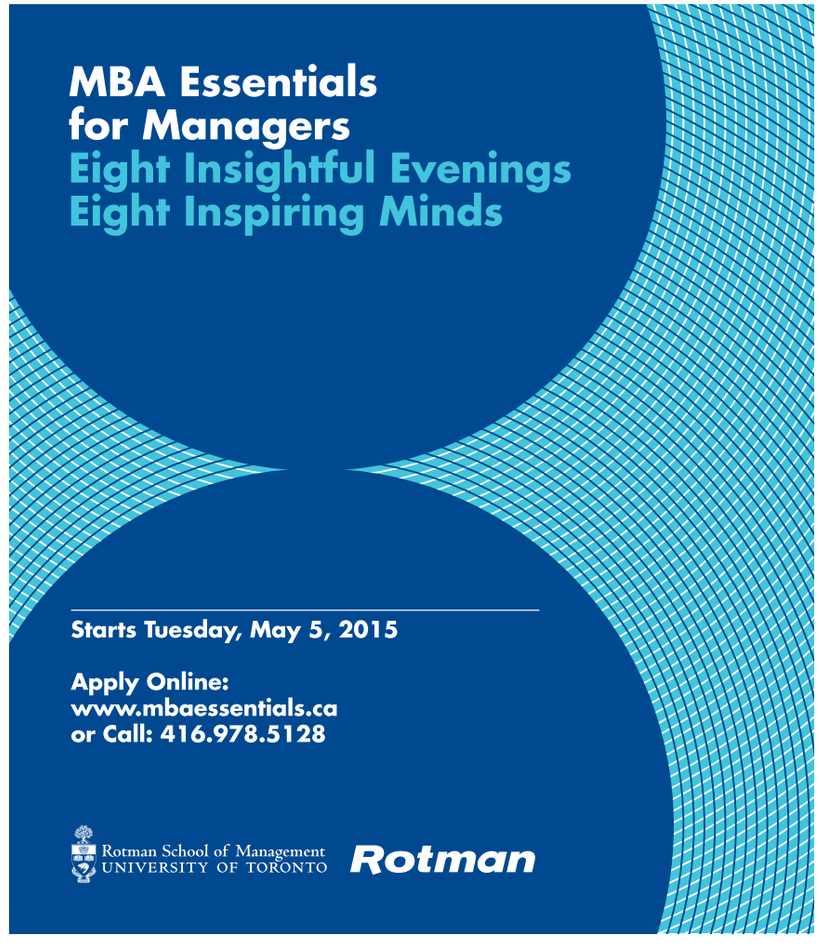
I've tried to get my point across to religious fanatics ... it hasn't been an easy journey.
Celina Jaitly

Bollywood actress and beauty icon Celina Jaitly. CONTRIBUTED



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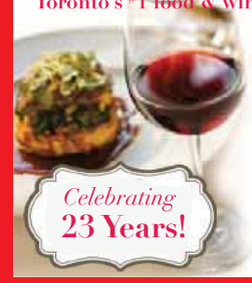

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CITY NEWS

Amina Lawal, 19, had been missing since March 20. TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

Missing student found

A York University student who went missing on her way home from school last month was found safe Tuesday.

Amina Lawal, 19, had last been seen on Friday, March 20, in the Kingston Road and Beechgrove Drive area. It was her 19th birthday. Her family was concerned about her disappearance and told the media that she'd called on her way home from a school meeting, but never arrived. Friends and a student association at her school brought attention to her disappearance, putting up signs and circulating the hashtag #helpfindamina. Police say no further information will be released.

JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

Toronto man charged in assault of sex worker

A Toronto man accused of holding a woman captive for five days and subjecting her to sexual assaults that included "ritualistic actions" has been charged with sexual assault with a weapon, kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault.

The woman, who police said is a sex worker, managed to escape through the front door five days later and sought help from a passerby.

Rejean Hermel Perron, 43, was arrested Monday and charged.

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Spot the sea turtle is taking the loss of the Wisconsin Badgers at the NCAA championship game in stride. COURTESY RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM

Turtle misses mark on game outcome

PSYCHIC SPOT

Fin prediction has been right in the past

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

She'll do better next time.

Spot the not-so-psychic sea turtle from Toronto had predicted that the Wisconsin Badgers would win Monday's NCAA championship game. Swimming through her tank at Ripley's Aquarium before the game, she'd reached a decisive flipper to the Badgers' logo, indicating her faith in the odds-on favourites. Alas, they fell 63-68 to the Duke Blue Devils.

"You fin some, you lose some," Spot said in a statement released by the aquarium.

"Troutstanding effort by both teams. I turtley thought the Badgers had it."

Spot had earned a reputation as a clairvoyant sea creature after correctly picking the New England Patriots for the Super Bowl. She remains confident her Stanley Cup pick will be spot on.

There's no word on how she feels about her chief rival, Bert the prognosticating penguin of the Myrtle Beach Ripley's, correctly picking Duke for the win.

Burt the penguin from Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach correctly predicted the NCAA winner. RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM

SCHOOL BREAK

No fall reading week for U of T's St. George campus

Deborah Hernandez
For Metro | Toronto

Students at the University of Toronto's downtown campus are out of luck.

There's still no fall reading week in sight for the University of Toronto's St. George campus despite the fact that both its Mississauga and Scarborough campuses will now have one.

U of T's Mississauga campus recently announced plans to add a fall reading week in 2016, while U of T Scarborough already has a week-long break during the fall semester.

Jane Stirling, a spokesperson for UTM, said seeing the benefits the extra week off had for students from other schools factored into the decision.

"It's important, especially for first-year students, to have time to de-stress and have a mental health break," she said.

> **It's nice to be able to look forward to a break**
> Matthew Ellero

"Students come back reinvigorated after a week that allows them to get caught up in class work and understand the material."

Stirling also said UTM opted for the fall reading week after conducting a campus-wide survey of students, faculty and staff earlier this year.

The results showed the community was overwhelmingly in favour of the idea.

U of T St. George used to have a fall reading week but in 2009, the university changed it to a two-day break in the fall and a two-day break in December.

Matthew Ellero, a second-year student at U of T St. George, says the shorter breaks are ineffective and disrupt classes more than a full week off would.

"It's also a little odd that we have a break during one semester and not the other, considering we can take courses during either semester or ones that span both," Ellero said.

"It's nice to be able to look forward to a break, something that gives you a little boost in motivation," he added.

HOUSE MARKET

Realtor surveys luxury buyers

A new survey by luxury realtor Sotheby's International Realty Canada has opened a window on the 1 per cent and at the same time raised questions about the future of exclusive enclaves like Forest Hill and Rosedale that have been the proud nesting grounds of rich baby boomers for decades.

While the Sotheby's survey doesn't tackle the toughest question — who is going to be able to afford those multimillion dollar homes when the bulge of boomers downsize into luxury condos or move on to the ultimate higher place — it's clear there may be a coming problem, especially in Canada's two priciest markets, Vancouver and Toronto.

In Toronto, high-income Generation X homebuyers, now between the ages of 34 and 54, are largely "family-driven, aspirational homebuyers" looking for open-concept high-end finishes, killer curb appeal and proximity to good private or public schools says Sotheby's.

About 20 per cent are getting help from their wealthy parents but are "actively seeking alternative neighbourhoods to the traditional, high-end neighbourhoods of previous generations."

"Cost of housing is only one consideration," says the first report of its kind by Sotheby's Canada which looks beyond the usual luxury home sale numbers to changing attitudes and generation trends among high-end homebuyers.

"We're finding that how each generation interprets a luxury home and top-tier neighbourhood is changing from one generation to the next," said Sotheby's Canada CEO Ross McCredie in an interview. "Who's buying, what they want, which neighbourhoods they're heading to — insights into these trends hint at what's affecting the market now and down the road."

The findings are based on interviews with 45 of Sotheby's Top 10 high performers who specialize in the rarified luxury neighbourhoods of Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary.

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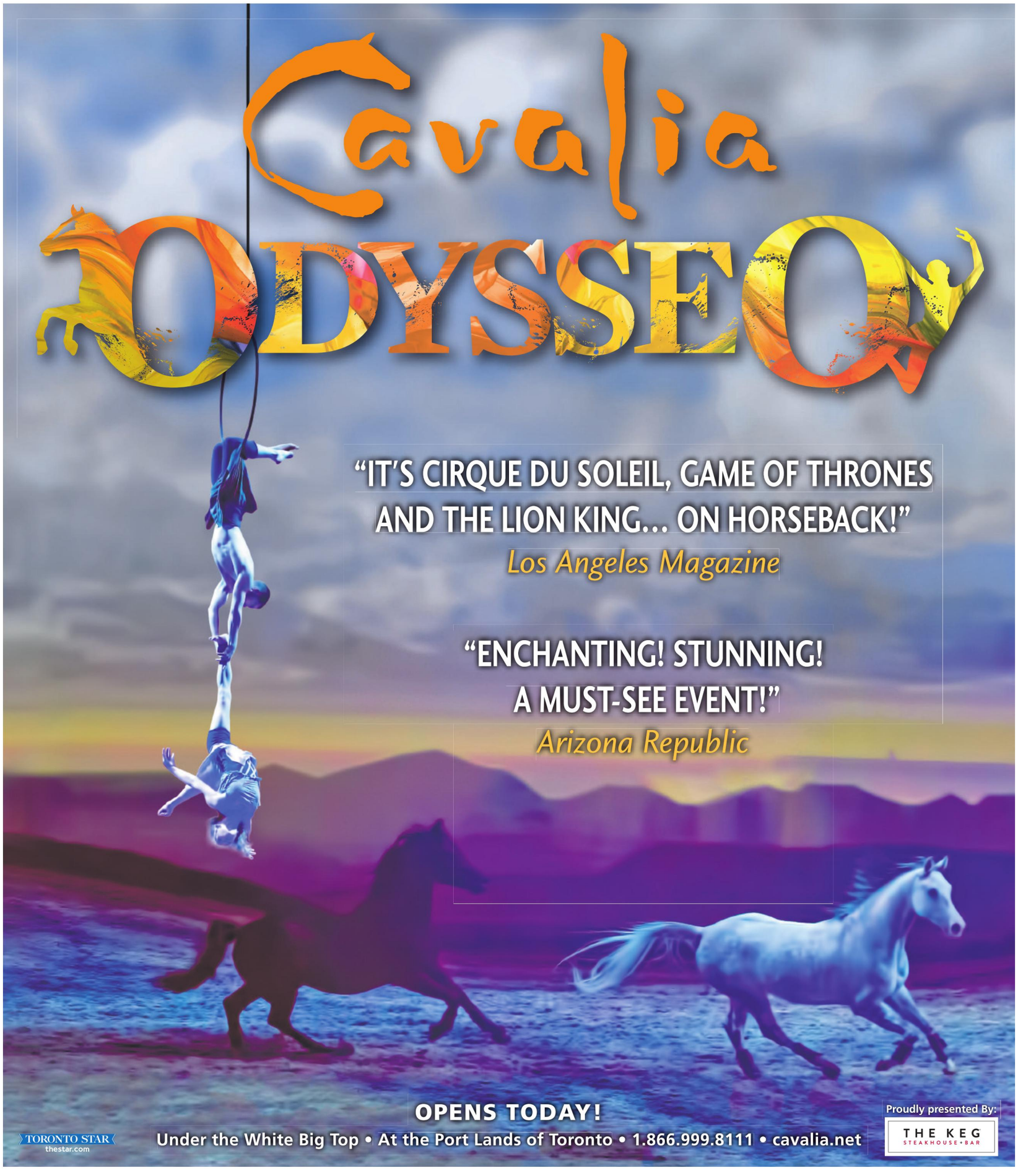
20%

Percentage of luxury homebuyers, ages 34 to 54, who get help buying from parents.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PARAPAN AM GAMES

Torch relay a way to help make 'history'

Members of the public can apply to become 2015 Parapan Am Games torchbearers as part of a contest that launched Tuesday at the CN Tower.

The contest, which closes April 19, is open to anyone who will be 13 or older by Aug. 3.

"This is an opportunity to be part of history," Pan Am Games CEO Saad Rafi told reporters.

For the first time, the relay will feature two torches, lit in Niagara Falls and Ottawa on Aug. 3, which will travel separately for three days before uniting in Toronto to complete the final leg of the journey as one flame.

Premier Kathleen Wynne encouraged Ontarians to participate in the festivities.

"The torch relay will give people a chance to get into the spirit of the Games in yet another way, to celebrate the community and to share in the pride in hosting this incredible event," she said.

Often, stories of Parapan Am athletes "overcoming barriers and obstacles" are the most compelling of all, she added.

Paralympic swimming champion Chelsey Gottell will be one of the torchbearers.

Gottell, who won medals at the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Paralympic Games, said that for athletes, the torch relay is "the calm before the storm."

"You feel that excitement starting to build," she said. "This is the opportunity where community members get to be involved in something special."

To apply to become a torchbearer go to toronto2015.org/torch-relay.

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700 km

The relay, spanning more than 700 kilometres and travelling through a dozen Ontario communities, will be the largest ever for a Parapan Am Games, culminating at the competition's opening ceremony on Aug. 7.

RWANDAN GENOCIDE

Remembering the millions who died

Rwandans in Toronto joined the rest of the world on Tuesday to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide.

The date marks the beginning of 100 days of commemoration, during which Rwandans remember over a million people who lost their lives in an orchestrated genocide against the Tutsi in 1994.

Local events marking the tragedy include an April 14 address by MPPs at Queen's Park at 3 p.m. Following the declaration, members of the Rwandan community will participate in a memorial walk. The walk starts at the provincial legislature and ends at 230 Sackville St.

In May, a screening of the documentary Sweet Dreams is planned at the University of Toronto's George Ignatieff Theatre. The film is about a group of Rwandan women who emerged from the devastation of the genocide and created a future for themselves through music and drumming. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb wants the city to invest more in suburban cycling infrastructure. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Cycling solution: Look to the 'burbs

INFRASTRUCTURE

Provincial cash best spent in city's outer areas: Advocate

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Areas outside the city centre should get more consideration when new provincial funding for cycling infrastructure flows in, a local cycling group says.

Toronto and other municipalities will benefit from a new three-year, $25-million cycling plan announced last week by the provincial Ministry of Transportation.

Exactly how — and where — the money will be spent is still being worked out, but Cycle Toronto said suburban areas such as Scarborough and Etobicoke need more funding to improve their cycling infrastructure.

"Those neighbourhoods right out of the city still have a long way to go," said Jared Kolb, the group's executive director.

According to the MTO, $15 million is going towards improving cycling infrastructure along provincial roadways. The remaining $10 million will help municipalities expand local cycling routes and launch new biking initiatives.

> **"What we would really like to see in Toronto is a city-wide minimum grid.**
> Jared Kolb, Cycle Toronto

Kolb said the investment in highway infrastructure will "definitely improve cycling tourism," but the municipal portion "is just a drop in the bucket."

"Ontario has put out a pretty bold vision of cycling for the next 20 years, but the money has to be there," he said, adding that Cycle Toronto would like the MTO to spend at least one per cent of its budget every year on cycling.

In an email to Metro, Coun. Jaye Robinson, chairwoman of Toronto's public works committee, said the city welcomes the provincial boost and will be investigating how best to allocate the funds.

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A man in his early 30s was found dead after falling from the side of an apartment building near Lawrence Avenue East and Kingston Road.

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Everyone loves Exploding Kittens

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Record-breaking Kickstarter game playtesting in Toronto

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Exploding Kittens is the most successful game-related Kickstarter campaign ever.
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It's like Russian Roulette, but with cards and cats.

That's founder Elan Lee's explanation of Exploding Kittens, a hotly anticipated card game being tested in Toronto this week by fans who want to try out the game before its official release in July.

The premise of the game is simple: You draw cards until you find the dreaded exploding kitten, and if you can't defuse it, you're out of the game with an imagined bang.

The game was created by Lee and Shane Small, two former Xbox designers, after losing their Los Angeles-based jobs last year. They teamed up with comic artist Matthew Inman, also known as "The Oatmeal," to try their hand at a good, old-fashioned game of cards.

Launching their new venture with the help of crowdfunding site Kickstarter, they set what they thought was a modest goal: $10,000 for 500 decks of cards.

"We thought, This will be a great test. It will be a fun little weekend project for us all," Lee said.

Twenty minutes into the campaign, they exceeded their goal.

A month later, they have raised over $8 million and are now on the hook to produce one million decks for the 220,000 people who contributed money to the project, making Exploding Kittens the most funded game in Kickstarter history, according to the crowdfunding site. It trumped popular game Cards Against Humanity, which only raised $15,570 when it launched in 2011.

The creators are currently testing the game in #kittenconsul sessions across North America, including two events in Toronto: Thursday at Ryerson University and Saturday at Face to Face Games.

After the game launches, Lee said the team will look to expand the project, potentially into a TV show or movie.

TRANSPORTATION TTC SERVICE DISRUPTED A sea of displaced commuters wait for a northbound shuttle bus at the Yonge and Bloor on Tuesday morning, following an incident that disrupted the Yonge-Bloor subway line. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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‘I am not guilty, Your Honour’

EXPENSE SCANDAL

Trial starts for suspended senator Mike Duffy

Mike Duffy leaves the first day of his trial in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Attending a friend’s funeral; taking a shopping trip to buy a puppy; making sure he was on hand for the birth of his grandchild:

There was nothing wrong with Mike Duffy doing any of those things — except for one major problem, the crown argued Tuesday during the opening act of the year’s most eagerly awaited political legal drama.

“He bills it back to the Senate,” deputy Crown attorney Mark Holmes said as he kicked off the case against Duffy, the television personality-turned-Conservative-senator whose disputed expense claims have rocked the government. The suspended senator, who faces 31 counts of fraud, breach of trust and bribery, delivered his plea after the court clerk read the charges into the record.

“I am not guilty, Your Honour,” Duffy told Ontario Justice Charles Vaillancourt in a clear, steady voice.

Over the course of 40 minutes, Holmes laid out why the prosecution believes Duffy is, in fact, guilty of defrauding the public purse by deliberately manipulating the financial policies of the Senate in order to charge taxpayers for personal business, or else simply hiding his activities from Senate scrutiny.

“There is something more fundamental at play and I think it can be reduced to two propositions,” Holmes said. “One, you can’t steal from your employer; and two, you can’t abuse your position of authority to unjustly enrich yourself.”

The Crown intends to prove, Holmes said, that in a number of instances where Duffy filed expenses on the grounds he was conducting Senate business, he was actually on a trip for personal reasons. Those travel expenses were just one of four different chapters of charges laid out by the Crown. Holmes also laid out the Crown’s case with regard to $82,000 worth of living expenses Duffy filed for a secondary residence in the national capital region, the issue that first sparked the Senate scandal back in late 2012.

Duffy declared in Senate paperwork that his primary residence was in Prince Edward Island, the province for which he was appointed to serve by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The problem with that, Holmes said, is that Duffy didn’t really live in P.E.I. — at least not by any “common-sense” interpretation of what “primary residence” means. Instead, Duffy lived in the same home in Kanata, Ont., outside Ottawa, that he and his wife had owned for five years prior to his appointment.

Duffy’s lawyer Donald Bayne did his best to refute Holmes, saying any notion of “common sense” has no application when it comes to interpreting the Senate’s rules and statutes.

The trial will provide Duffy a chance to clear his name, but there is more at stake than his reputation. While police have raised questions about Duffy’s living and travel expense claims while he was a sitting senator, the credibility of the Conservative Party of Canada and some key players in the Prime Minister’s Office is also likely to be dragged into the spotlight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WHITE HOUSE

Terrorism not suspected

Problems at a Maryland electrical station caused widespread power outages across the nation's capital Tuesday, affecting the White House, the Capitol, museums, train stations and other sites.

Many of the outages were brief, but some were longer and forced evacuations. Officials said a mechanical failure at a transfer station led to the outages, and terrorism was not suspected. Tens of thousands of customers lost power.

At the White House, the interruption lasted only a few seconds before backup generators kicked in. The complex quickly went back onto regular power. Electricity in the press briefing room dipped around lunchtime, briefly darkening cubicles and blackening TV screens.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said he was with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office when the power blip occurred, and they didn't notice anything unusual.

Power also went out at the State Department during the daily media briefing, forcing spokeswoman Marie Harf to finish her comments in the dark.

Power in the U.S. Capitol building twice shut down briefly, and then came back on by way of a generator.

The mechanical failure occurred shortly before 1 p.m. at a transfer station some 56 kilometres southeast of Washington in Charles County, Maryland, that is controlled by utilities serving Washington and southern Maryland. Homeland security officials in Washington and Maryland said there was an explosion at the station, although the two utilities, Pepco and the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, could not confirm immediately that there was a blast or fire. No one was injured, the utilities said.

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Members of the Secret Service stand on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House in Washington, Tuesday. The White House, State Department and Capitol buildings were all affected Tuesday by power outages in Washington and its suburbs. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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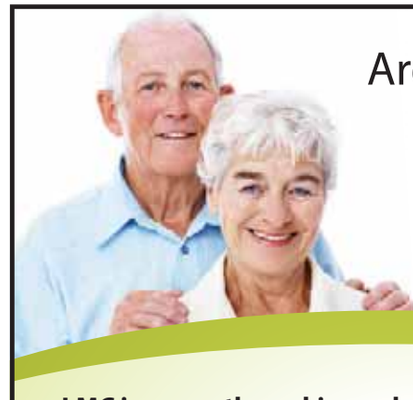

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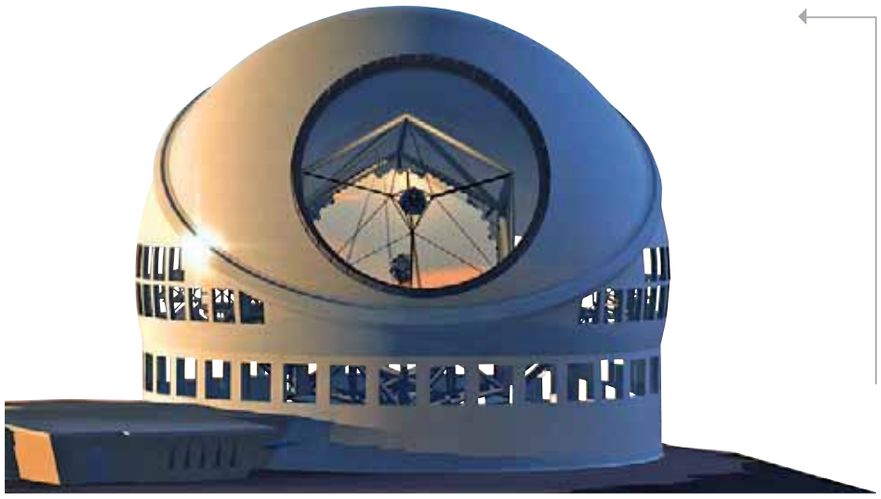
THE BIG THING: THE $1.5 BILLION TELESCOPE

Canadian companies will play a significant role in constructing what's billed as the most powerful optical telescope on Earth. Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canada will provide up to $243.5 million over 10 years for the Thirty Meter Telescope project, scheduled to be ready in about 2023. THE CANADIAN PRESS



1. Can Con
When completed, the Thirty Meter Telescope will be in an observatory inside a Canadian-built enclosure 22 storeys tall with a primary mirror 30 metres across. While the telescope will be located at the summit of Hawaii's Mauna Kea volcano, Harper said most of Canada's contribution will be spent in this country.

2. Teammates
Japan, China, India and the United States are also part of the project. Harper said by contributing to the project, Canada will secure a viewing share for Canadian researchers once the telescope is operational.

3. Looking into the past
Researchers hope to use the telescope to look at planets outside of our solar system and watch new stars form. The telescope should be able see 13 billion light years away, allowing scientists to catch sight of the universe's early years.

4. The competition
The Thirty Meter Telescope probably won't be the biggest for long. The aptly named European Extremely Large Telescope, which a group of European countries are planning to build, will have a mirror that is 39 metres in diameter.

Canada needs to get ready for climate-change refugees

THE SCIENCE
Stephanie Orford

What happens when the most crowded places in the world are displaced by climate change?

Canada could become a refuge for those fleeing their homes in search of greener pastures. What can we do? Be ready for an influx of climate refugees.

The world's first official climate refugee is now making his case against deportation from New Zealand to his former home on the Central Pacific atolls of Kiribati, where climate change is wreaking havoc, threatening to put the country underwater. There will be many more climate refugees to come.

Jerry Brown, the governor of California, ordered a statewide 25 per cent reduction in water consumption on April 1.

As water levels fall in the state for the fourth straight year in rivers, streams and reservoirs, water becomes scarcer for industrial processes, farming and drinking for California's population of 38 million.

What's happening in California reflects the impacts of climate change on environments, economies and societies around the world.

Rising sea levels alone are projected to displace potentially millions of people.

The island of Tuvalu is forecast to be swallowed up by the South Pacific by the end of this century. The Maldives and other low-lying archipelagos face a similar fate.

According to a report by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, natural disasters displaced 22 million people in 2013 and the International Organization for Migration estimates 200 million will be displaced worldwide by 2050. The countries that will be most affected are those that suffer from poverty and conflict, according to Refugees International.

Where are their residents going to go? Canada may be one attractive option.

Partly because our government is better equipped to respond to natural disasters, and partly because Canada's temperate climate gives us a greater buffer against extreme temperatures compared to equatorial climes, Canada may be hit less fiercely than developing countries by climate change. Last November, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives proposed a new "climate migrants" immigration class to help Canada navigate the coming influx.

Canadian cities need to find ways of becoming denser while maintaining high quality of life for residents, including water and air quality, green space and public transportation.

Let's do Canadians of the future a favour and create a climate refugee strategy now. We must look ahead to the big picture rather than simply react to each wave of refugees climate change brings across the border.

Putting the policies in place to become a responsible climate refuge is one sea change we need to make.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metro*view*

It can feel good to ridicule, but the hurt we cause is real

Mike Duffy, Kim and Kanye, new Daily Show host Trevor Noah: We're never short of targets for public ridicule.

I've jeered at Rob Ford on Facebook, and I follow his parody Twitter account.

That only makes me human. And humanly cruel.

"It feels good, for some reason, for too many people, to be mean," Tracy Vaillancourt tells me. She's a leading anti-bullying researcher and Canada Research Chair in children's mental health and violence prevention at the University of Ottawa.

Some anthropologists say bullying is biological. Other research suggests we rationalize our meanness by downplaying the impact and our own role, or that we blame the victim or dehumanize them.

It's a twisted little pleasure that seems victimless, but we forget that on the other side of cruelty there are people like Dr. Fredric Brandt.

The so-called Baron of Botox, dermatologist to the rich and famous, committed suicide in Miami on the weekend, after reportedly suffering from depression.

Media quickly reported that Brandt had been upset by Martin Short's flamboyant portrayal of a dermatologist on the Netflix show Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt — which bore resemblance to the uniquely featured Brandt.

His publicist Jacquie Tractenberg told the Miami Herald that he did not commit suicide because of the show, but "the show didn't help. It was mean. He felt bullied. It was mean-spirited picking at the way he looked for no reason at all."

Brandt's face was one of his own creations. A New York Times profile describes his face as so sleekly manufactured it appeared "a mask of serene immobility" and so pale it had a "lunar aspect."

His story reminds me of the ridicule of Joan Rivers. Except while she lived in the spotlight, he helped other to look better under it. He became famous incidentally.

Does that make it OK to laugh, literally, at his face? Was it okay with Joan Rivers?

In Monica Lewinsky's recent phoenix-like return to the public eye, she's underlined how the media and public diminished her into a power-hungry slut. "It was easy to forget," she said during her TED Talk, "that 'that woman' was dimensional, had a soul, and was once unbroken."

"There's this saying: 'Is cruelty committed by the cruel at heart?' I don't think that's the case," Vaillancourt told me.

So it's not that we're bad people, but we are behaving badly, and, it would seem, feeling good doing it.

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Matcha mania is in full swing

GREEN INVASION

The finely ground tea is finding its way into all kinds of Western cuisine

Matcha has 10 times the amount of antioxidants as regularly-brewed green tea. ISTOCK

More than a thousand years ago, Buddhist monks in Japan began a daily ritual of grinding green tea leaves into powder, mixing it into hot water with a bamboo whisk, then sharing the tea from a single cup.

Today in North America, matcha is considerably less monastic. The finely ground green tea is experiencing a North American renaissance, with specialty matcha tea bars popping up from coast to coast and industry giants like specialty tea retailer Teavana adding it to their product lineup. Chefs are mixing matcha with grains, using it in toppings for Bundt cakes, and mixing it into cocktails, adding a punch of opulent green colour along with a cool, mellow taste to playful culinary combinations.

Industry leaders hope matcha one day will become a staple in the American kitchen the same way soy sauce did after the Second World War. They also hope the tea's long and rich culinary history doesn't get dissolved in the process.

"Ideally, people will learn how to prepare tea as well, not just drink it," said Kazumi Nishiguchi, a director at the Chamber of Kyoto Prefecture Tea Public Interest Incorporated Association. "We need to export the culture, too. And it's important that it be done right."

Matcha was first consumed during China's Tsang dynasty and later was brought to Japan by priests and monks. After a bloody war with the Mongols, tea ceremonies in China came to a halt but continued to flourish across the East China Sea in Japan. The Japanese developed intricate tea ceremonies combining prayer and meditation and perfected the process for making matcha: Tea plants were covered with a shade cloth two to four weeks before harvest, when the leaves contain the most chlorophyll and nutrients, then plucked. Monks praised matcha for its calming effect.

Now more is known about the science behind matcha. Growing tea leaves in the shade boosts their amino acids, and because the entire leaf is consumed, matcha also contains about 10 times as many antioxidants as regularly brewed green tea. It also gives an energy kick, but with less caffeine than coffee.

Matcha likely first entered the North American market through Japanese grocery stores in cities like Los Angeles, which has one of the largest Japanese populations outside Japan.

Some of the biggest matcha producers are reporting big U.S. sales growth. DoMatcha, sold at Whole Foods and specialty stores, has seen an annual spike in sales of 30 per cent, while Ippodo has seen growth of 20 to 25 per cent in recent years and opened its first brick-and-mortar store outside Japan in New York City in 2013. Chains like Starbucks now offer green tea lattes with matcha, and Teavana sells a bamboo whisking set.

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BACKGROUND

Matcha's evolution

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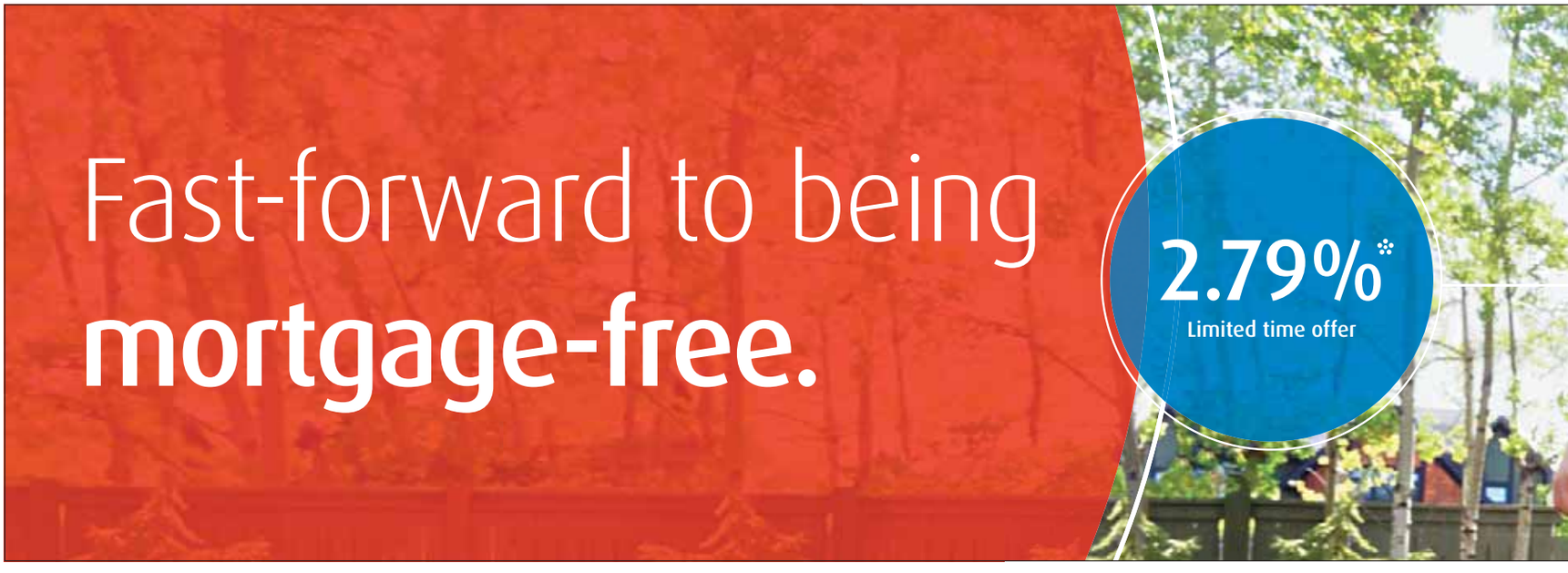
The uptick in demand for matcha is having a spillover effect in Japan, where production of tencha, the raw green leaves that are ground into the powder known as matcha, has doubled in Kyoto prefecture during the last 10 years, rising from 564 tons in 2003 to more than 1,163 tons in 2013. Though the leaves were once picked by hand, technology has paved the way for mass production. Specialized machines pluck the top leaves from tea shrubs and remove the veins and stems before the remnants are ground with granite stone and sealed in tin cans.



HEALTHY EATING

Kimchee packs a punch for your plate

If there isn't a jar of kimchee in your fridge, you are missing out on health and heat. This condiment hits all the high notes on its climb to the top of the foodie lists.

Fermented foods enhance healthy gut bacteria, spicy foods boost your metabolism, and garlic boasts potent antibacterial, antifungal properties. Kimchee is an ancient combo of cabbage, vinegar, garlic and hot peppers that is traditionally sealed and buried in the ground to ferment, though now you can just go to the grocery store to buy jars of it. Whew!

Think of it as part pickle, part ketchup, part recipe ingredient.

Here is how to use it:

- Stir into scrambled eggs
- Spoon into grilled cheese
- Use to top frozen pizza
- Stir into a boring soup to jazz it up
- Scare away vampires with the garlic breath
- Use on burgers or hot-dogs
- Scoop into a blender with Greek yogurt for a dip or spread in place of mayo

Warning: If you have a job interview tomorrow, don't make today the day you try. One of three things could happen: the cabbage could give you rumbly tummy, the garlic could make you repellent or the spice could get you in the end. But it is delicious! Really!

Theresa Albert is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer.

Like many fermented foods, kimchee is full of healthy properties. ISTOCK

MasterChefs awaken the rebel and demon within

R&D RESTAURANT

Alvin Leung and newcomer Eric Chong collaborate on new venture

MasterChef Canada judge Alvin Leung knew the reality show's Season 1 winner Eric Chong had enough culinary talent to make it in the restaurant business, but he wasn't sure about his work ethic.

So Leung put him to the test in Asia.

"I wanted to see whether or not he was hardworking, whether or not he had the drive, the hunger," said Leung, a Michelin-starred chef with restaurants in Hong Kong and London.

"In working with him for a couple of weeks (in Hong Kong) I found out he had."

Leung, 54, was convinced enough to go into business with Chong, 23, and the two opened the doors to R&D Restaurant on Tuesday in Toronto's Chinatown.

The name is a nod to Chong and Leung's "rebel and demon" personas and refers to their engineering backgrounds, referencing the term "research and development."

Leung is nicknamed the Demon Chef, and has invented his own cuisine he calls X-Treme Chinese.

"Well, you know, Eric, he's a rebel himself," said Leung, who holds three Michelin stars at Bo Innovation in Hong Kong and one Michelin star at Bo London. "The family was very against him doing cooking. He has a degree in engineering. I have a degree in engineering. It wasn't meant for him to follow this path. He went against his family wishes. Now I think his family is over the moon. He won (MasterChef Canada). And he's doing something he likes to do."

Large murals in the dining space feature Chinese-inspired street art and their menu is a tribute to Canada's cultural mix. Chong will work as a sous chef under executive chef Nelson Tsai.

"Eric is young. He has to earn," said Leung, who was raised in Toronto.

"You really need to earn your stars or earn your stripes and he has to do that. So he's not going in as executive chef. He hasn't earned it yet. But he will. Eventually he will.

"We both grew up in Canada," said Leung. "Eric grew up in a much different era. I grew up when the Leafs were winning. He grew up when the Leafs were losing and I'm sure (when he has) his children, the Leafs will still be losing.

"There are dishes there, like chop suey, he doesn't know of because that was more my era, but chicken and waffle, which I know nothing about. So he has his input, I have my input."

Chong, who packed in his engineering job to practise for MasterChef Canada once he knew he'd made it into the top 50 contenders, said those skills help him with cooking.

"Being an engineer helps you think logistically and efficiently and that always helps me in the kitchen, helps me plan out my steps, work efficiently, work fast and it helped us create the menu.

"We always thought of the logistics before actually coming up with a dish," Chong said, adding he and Leung broke down the recipes for each dish to the gram and made detailed notes on steps and equipment so that all chefs in the restaurant will be able to recreate each dish exactly.

Being on MasterChef Canada "was definitely the most beneficial thing I've ever done in my life. It got me to where I am now," he added.

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Eric Chong, Alvin Leung and Nelson Tsai. CINDY LA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Charlie Cox dares to be different

Charlie Cox and Rosario Dawson star in Netflix's Daredevil. BARRY WETCHER/NETFLIX

NEW SERIES

Netflix puts a gritty spin on iconic character Daredevil

Lisa Weidenfeld
Metro | New York

If your only exposure to the Daredevil comic book character is the much-maligned Ben Affleck movie, get ready for a change: Netflix's new Daredevil series, premiering Friday, is bringing a new look to the character.

As played by Brit Charlie Cox, the character doesn't yet have his trademark horned outfit, and is something of a gritty street fighter. We checked in with Cox about what it's like taking on an iconic character and if he can actually see through that hood.

What do you think sets Daredevil apart from other superheroes?
The great thing about the Daredevil character is that he doesn't have any superpowers so they ground him in reality. One thing that I found quite enjoyable about playing this character is if he gets hit, he bleeds, if he gets cut, he bleeds, and he doesn't have unbreakable skin, or there isn't any ambiguity about whether you can kill him or not. If you shoot him, he dies, you know? And he's learned to live with this secret, which marks itself as a disability, but it isn't actually a hindrance. He's able to access it and use it in a way so that he can operate better than a seeing person.

How good is the visibility in the hood they have you wear?
It depends — you know, in broad daylight it's pretty good, you can see almost everything through it. Obviously a lot of the occupational hazard of a hooded superhero is that you go out at nighttime (laughs). So the visibility isn't quite as good, but you adapt to it.

Will we see the more iconic Daredevil costume this season?
You'll see it in the first season. Unfortunately I can't tell you when, but there will be an evolution from that early costume into something that is more recognizable to the traditional Daredevil costume.

And for fans of the comic, which ones did you draw the most inspiration from?
There's a number of series called the Bendis Maleev (Brian Michael Bendis & Alex Maleev) series, and, you know, they did a bunch of stuff in the '90s and the early 2000s and tonally and thematically, they were very in keeping with the scripts that I had read for the first few episodes. They painted a very grey, dark world. The lines between good and evil and right and wrong are very blurry, and we meet a Matt Murdoch and a Daredevil who dances on both sides of those lines, so it was very compelling to read and felt very realistic and truthful and gritty, and so those are the ones I focused on the most. But one of the things I was told very early on is that the show is quite heavily influenced by Frank Miller's Man Without Fear, so I read all that stuff as well.

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6 CELEBS WHO WILL HEADLINE THE BEST OF FALL TV

Networks will soon announce which series have been greenlit for next season. ABC, Fox, CBS, NBC and the CW still have a few weeks to finalize their selections, but in the meantime here are the stars likely to appear (or reappear) in the fall. AFP

Eva Longoria

Since the end of Desperate Housewives in 2012, Eva Longoria has remained involved in TV through production. But now the former Gabrielle Solis has landed the lead role in Telenovela, a comedy that takes viewers behind the scenes of a soap opera.

Melanie Griffith

It's been 10 years since the Working Girl and Bonfire of the Vanities star last starred in a television series — that was Twins. Her return could occur in ABC's untitled comedy about a couple raising extremely intelligent children.

Don Johnson

The '80s TV star returns to television as the main character in Boom, a pilot in the works at ABC. Former detective Sonny Crockett of Miami Vice will play the patriarch of a North Dakota town in the midst of a boom following an oil discovery.

Jennifer Lopez

NBC has succeeded in landing both J. Lo and Ray Liotta for the same series. Shades of Blue, already confirmed for next season, will follow a single mother/detective recruited by the FBI for an anti-corruption task force. Liotta will play a shady police chief.

Whoopi Goldberg

For years now, the star of Ghost and Sister Act has bounced from series to series (Glee, 30 Rock, Once Upon a Time in Wonderland) This fall, she might play Delores, a grandmother who takes in her grandson in the ABC comedy, Delores & Jermaine.

Wesley Snipes

Snipes will star in Endgame, a thriller in the works at NBC. The drama will centre on a former sniper turned security expert who becomes the object of a conspiracy, forcing him to new extremes to save the lives of innocent people.

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Whitehorse tour a family affair

Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland of Whitehorse. The band plays Massey Hall on May 8. GETTY IMAGES

NEW ALBUM

Roots rock couple hits the road with their baby on board

Eva Lam
Metro | Toronto

It's been a year of firsts for Toronto duo Whitehorse. Not only did Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland recruit outside producers for the first time on their new album, Leave No Bridge Unburned, but a recent run of U.S. shows also marked the inaugural tour for the husband-and-wife roots rockers' eight-month-old baby, Jimmy.

So how's it shaping up compared to previous tours?

"Less sleep," said McClelland with a laugh on the phone en route from Seattle to Vancouver, where the band had a few days off before launching their Canadian dates on Wednesday.

The pair are veterans of the road, both from their time as solo acts (they met when Doucet worked as a producer on McClelland's 2004 album Stranded in Suburbia) and after forming Whitehorse in 2010. The band's live shows are a showcase for Doucet and McClelland's undeniable chemistry, as moments shift from the intimacy of the two singing into a single microphone with just two guitars to a flurry of movement on the stage.

"It's just the two of us — we use a looping pedal and about a million instruments that we're jumping around, switching up guitars, and Luke's on drum kit," says McClelland. "The songs from the record, we really have to kind of re-imagine them, so we're always surprised by which songs we end up loving playing live."

> **We're always surprised by which songs we end up loving playing live.** Melissa McClelland of Whitehorse

For Whitehorse's second LP, they brought in producer Gus Van Go — whom Doucet met at the 2013 Polaris awards — and his partner Werner F.

McClelland says the way the producers approached the recording of the drums laid the groundwork for the sound of Leave No Bridge Unburned.

"(They) really had specific arrangements and parts in mind. The first couple of days in studio were intense because they were working really, really hard to get exactly what they wanted," she said. "And then to our relief, after that they took a different approach with our vocals and guitar parts — they wanted those things to be loose and easy and inspired. So I think because they took so much time on the drums, it just immediately created this kind of big sound on the record. And it was really exciting for us to hear and I think it got some good performances out of us for vocals and guitars."

The result is an album that plays on themes of the urban-suburban divide and adventurous love, from the propulsive Bo Diddley beat of hit radio single Downtown to the western twang-meets-'60s blues vibe of Sweet Disaster.

"We've been told that our record is almost like a map, that you're kind of travelling through these different places," said McClelland.

"We're so transient. We're always in a place no more than 24 hours before we're moving on to the next place — we spend a lot of time in rural areas and big cities and small towns, and it's really interesting to see the differences between those places, and the similarities. And it's fun to imagine stories and characters and have those places exist in our minds."

With the latest tour even more of a family affair than usual — Doucet's 18-year-old daughter Chloe is helping out with baby Jimmy — it's opening a new chapter of stories for the band.

"I find it almost makes us appreciate the road a little more," McClelland says. "We're really engaging in our surroundings. When we get to a city, we're not just vegging out in the hotel room — we're actually going for walks and checking things out, saying hello to people. I've really been enjoying seeing the road through Jimmy's eyes."

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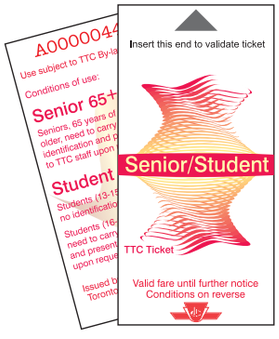

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Lorde and Taylor still going strong

BFFS

Feuding? More like FaceTime, says Swift

Ned Ehrbar
In Hollywood

Reports of Taylor Swift and Lorde deep-sixing their BFF status have been greatly exaggerated, according to no less than Swift herself.

When media speculation started swirling that the two were at odds over not being able to agree on a duet to record, Swift took to Twitter to put the naysayers in their place. "Media, when you say, 'Lorde and Taylor are fighting,' by fighting do you mean 'FaceTiming constantly from (the) U.S. to (New Zealand) and LOLing at you?" So that settles it, I guess. No need to worry, everybody. Also, what's the female equivalent of a bromance? I feel like we should have a word for that. Any suggestions?

Don't worry, Lorde and Taylor Swift haven't called it quits on their friendship. They're just LOLing at you. GETTY IMAGES

GIULIANA RANCIC

Stung by a Spice Girl

Kudos to Giuliana Rancic for this epic piece of misdirection. Instead of talking about her skinniness or how she lost her gig on Fashion Police for some pretty terrible jokes, Rancic would prefer everyone focus on her relationship with Jerry O'Connell from more than a decade ago, when — according to Rancic's new memoir — the former Sliders star stepped out on her with Geri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell.

"I was being two-timed for one of the lesser Spices?" she writes, reporting that O'Connell responded, "'Yeah, I know. I'm so sorry. I don't know what happened.' He had as much emotion as the custom-service representative who tells you your bags missed the flight."

OK, first of all, your material is still pretty terrible. And second of all, Ginger Spice is a "lesser" Spice Girl? Hardly. I mean, Sporty Spice maybe, but come on.

ACTRESS

I'm no diva: Spencer

Oscar winner Octavia Spencer is striking back at reports in the Daily Mail that she was rude to fans and "acting like a diva" at a recent in-store appearance to promote her new children's book. "Gotta laugh when (people) actually believe that you were rude to a child ... at your children's book signing," Spencer tweeted.

Sure, but what of the eyewitness reports of Spencer delivering a "short and blunt" Q&A session? Or the woman who stormed off yelling, "This woman is an ungrateful, nasty b—. I'm getting a refund on this stupid book"? I guess we've all just got to laugh.

NO DATING

Lindsay focusing on her career, apparently

This may come as something of a shock, but Lindsay Lohan hasn't had much time to worry about dating because all her attention has been going to her career. No, really.

"I haven't really thought about (dating) in a while, I've been so focused on my career," the still-London-based actress tells Homme Style magazine. But if she were to start stepping out with some gent? "At this time, I'd probably have to say someone not in show business, maybe a businessman, but I'm just enjoying being single and enjoying experiencing everything here." But be ready, businessmen of London, she may call on you at any moment.

SHOW EXIT

Nina Dobrev exiting The Vampire Diaries

Nina Dobrev is leaving The Vampire Diaries.

The Toronto-bred actress announced the news on Instagram, saying she always "wanted Elena's story to be a six-season adventure."

Dobrev, whose film credits include The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Chloe, Fugitive Pieces and Away From Her, said she was moving "on to the next chapter" of her life.

While on the show, she earned two Teen Choice Awards for tackling a double role as Elena Gilbert, a young girl caught between two vampire brothers, and as Katherine Pierce, a vampire the brothers knew in the 19th century.

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A nimble car that's fun to drive

REVIEW

The Chevrolet Malibu is a solid commuter car with a few extras

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

While it isn't the most stylish in the midsize-sedan market, the Chevrolet Malibu may surprise you with a far better driving performance than you might expect.

An all-new, next-generation version will be coming out for 2016, but I was impressed overall with my 2015 tester.

Two engines are available, starting with a 2.5-litre four-cylinder that's standard in all trim levels.

You can also opt for a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine in the two upper trim levels, which is how my top-line LTZ tester was equipped. Mine was also further optioned with in-dash navigation.

The differences in the two engines aren't just in their horsepower, but also in a start-stop system that's included with the 2.5-litre — but not the turbo engine.

This technology shuts off the engine at idle, such as when you're stopped at a light, to save fuel and cut down on emissions.

The lights, climate control and other features continue to operate, and the engine automatically restarts instantly once you take your foot off the brake.

The 2.0-litre turbo is quick, strong and smooth, and mated exclusively to a six-speed automatic transmission.

The Malibu also handles well, with just the right weight to the steering and a nimble but confident feel.

It's a good everyday commuter car, but it's also fun to drive if you get the chance to push it a little.

That said, the small exterior mirrors don't give you the best visibility, nor does the sharply raked rear window that doesn't provide for much of a view out the back.

The handsome interior uses GM's "twin-cockpit" design, and features simple controls.

There are some small cubbies in the centre console, but for more secure storage, the centre touch screen flips up to reveal a hidden compartment.

Rear-seat passengers enjoy a great deal of legroom, and while you'll have to reach over that tall bumper to stow cargo, the trunk is huge.

The styling is ho-hum, but look below the skin: If you haven't considered the Malibu in this segment, take it for a test drive.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 CHEVROLET MALIBU

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger midsize sedan
Engines (hp/torque). 2.5-litre I-4 (196); 2.0-litre turbocharged I-4 (259)
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. Base $25,040, as-tested $36,605 (plus destination)

POINTS

- While each trim line moves up successively with standard features, there are also options and option packages available for each.
- The Malibu's brakes use Duralife rotors, which have a special coating that strengthens them and makes them less prone to corrosion.

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Available lane departure and forward collision warning, cross-traffic alert, Wi-Fi hot spot capability, blind spot monitoring system, rearview camera, leather upholstery, premium stereo, and navigation system.

MARKET POSITION

- The Malibu gained a reputation as a rental and fleet vehicle that slid it off the radar with many consumers. A complete redesign in 2013 marked a considerable improvement, while the upcoming 2016 is expected to be roomier and lighter.

THE COMPETITION

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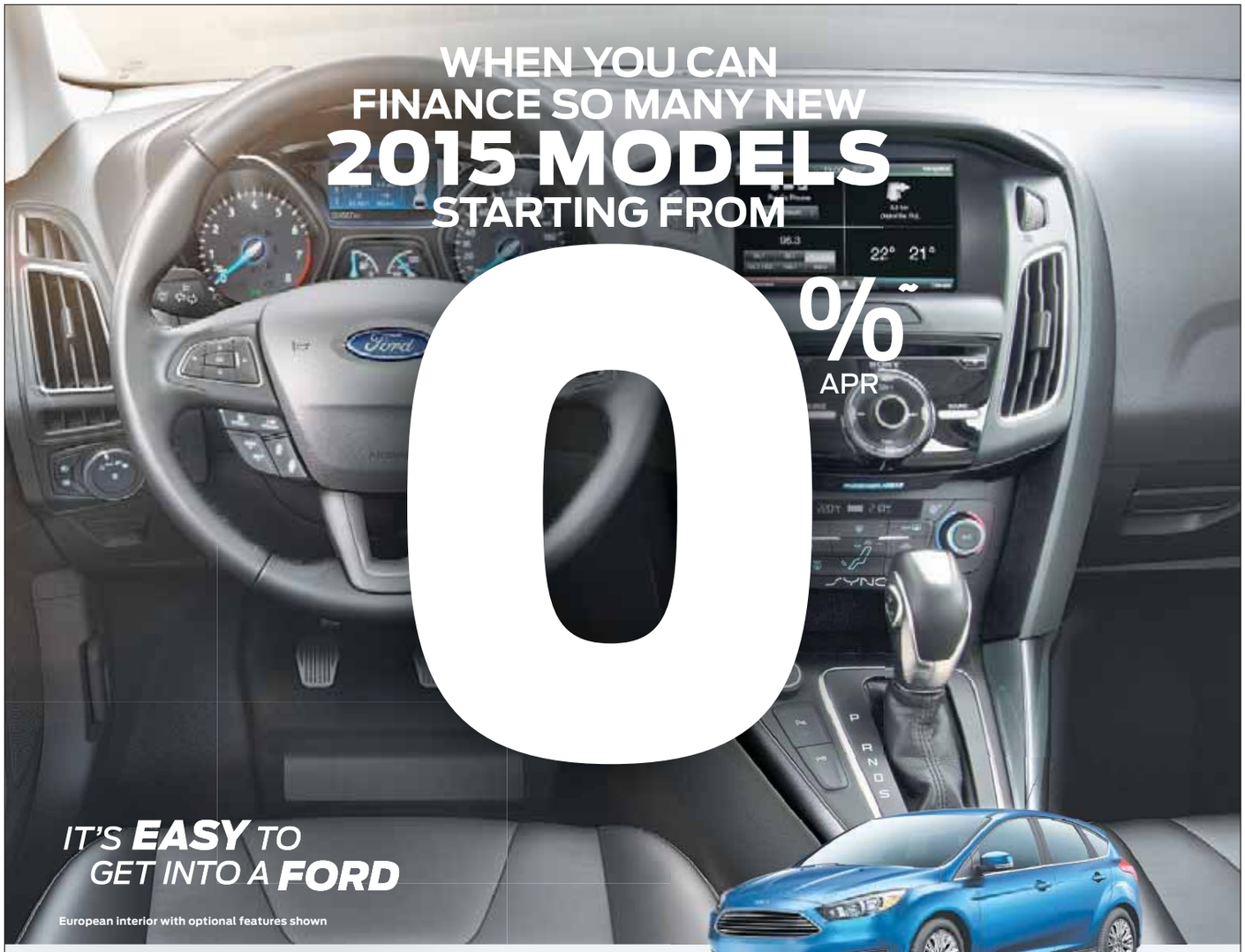

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RUBBER

Concept tires hint at future

Goodyear unveiled two "concept" tires at the recent 2015 Geneva Motor Show that go beyond just providing contact patches with the road. One tire can generate electricity using the heat created by flexing under normal driving conditions. The second is called the Triple Tube, for the three internal tubes that allow it to change shape depending on conditions.

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Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

HONDA ACCORD HYBRID

A great car that's hard to find?

Honda's 2015 Accord Hybrid is a handsome sedan that delivers top economy under real-world conditions, reports auto industry website The Car Connection, but perhaps the biggest disappointment has been how few of them Honda has made so far. The car has been favourably reviewed by critics, but the main challenge in 2014 was extremely limited availability. Honda attributed that to a parts-supply issue and said last fall that it was working hard to boost production. The hybrid is built alongside other Accords for North America in Honda's Ohio plant, while very small numbers of Accord Plug-in Hybrids — so far about 50 a month — are imported from Japan.

TECHNOLOGY

Ford seeks affordable carbon fibre

The production of more affordable composites for automobiles is the goal of a new partnership that the Ford Motor Company has entered into with DowAksa, itself a partnership between the Dow Chemical Company and acrylic fibre giant Aksa. Despite its light weight and super strength, carbon-fibre car parts remain time consuming and labour intensive to make. Ford demonstrated its commitment to bringing lightweight technology to the masses with its pioneering aluminum Ford F-150, says automotive news site Motor Authority.

NUKE CARS?

Reimagining nuclear power

As the world continues to adopt electric vehicles, a nuclear reactor that runs on the waste fuel of current reactors could make nuclear power more publicly acceptable.

The design uses a "molten salt" type of reactor that has not been used for more than 50 years, says The Guardian.

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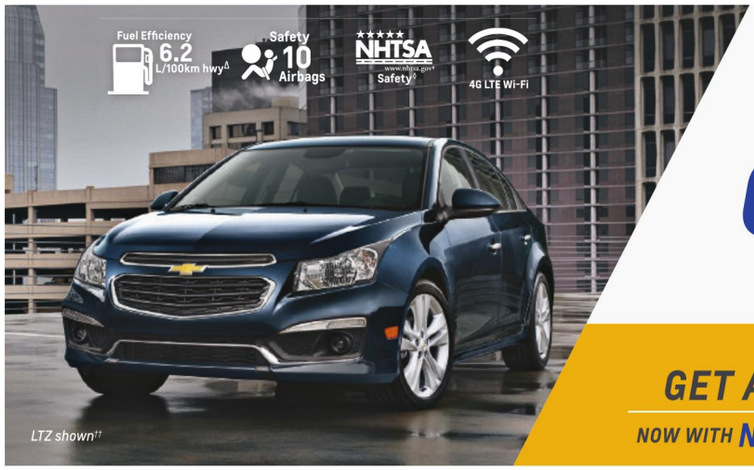

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Murano offers stylish comfort

USED VEHICLE

The 2009 to 2014 Nissan Murano proves a solid choice

When originally launched, the Nissan Murano quickly became one of the crossover marketplace's most sought-after models where performance, sophistication and cutting-edge styling were priorities. With the third-generation Murano in dealer lots now, the second-generation has now transitioned into used-vehicle territory.

If purchasing, confirm the tailgate works from the key fob, and the remote release in the vehicle. If the Murano you're considering has a powered tailgate, confirm proper functionality, too.

When appropriate, hold the brakes firmly, and poke the throttle moderately a few times. If you note any clunking sounds coming from up front, the likely culprit is a bad motor mount. This noise may also be present, sporadically, when taking off from a stop. Further, note that a clunking sound from the front of the vehicle as you corner over bumps, perhaps while turning into a driveway over a curb, could be caused by a worn rubber isolator or bushing in the suspension. If the Murano you're considering is making any questionable sounds, be sure to have it checked out.

Murano's CVT transmission should deliver power smoothly at light, moderate and full throttle. For maximum peace of mind, have only a Nissan mechanic check the CVT fluid level, as there's a special procedure to do it properly. JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Features

Feature content on a used Murano may include up-level features like navigation, heated leather seats, a dual-panel power glass moonroof, and premium audio system with hard-drive music storage.

Engines

All units in this generation got a 3.5-litre, 260-horsepower V6 teamed with a Continually Variable Transmission (CVT) and a standard Intelligent All Wheel Drive (AWD) system.

What owners like

An overall blend of comfort, performance, handling and smoothness is commonly noted by second-generation Murano drivers, with affordable access to high-tech feature content and the uniquely styled and functional cabin rounding out the package.

What owners dislike

Some owners complain of limited outward visibility, thanks to generous blind-spots and thick A-Pillars beside the windshield as well as some easily scratched plastics and above-average wind noise levels.

The verdict

With a healthy CVT transmission and passing of a few fairly simple checks for the more commonly reported issues, a Murano looks like a solid used crossover buy. With Nissan's experience with the VQ V6 engine and CVT technology, a healthy and properly maintained model should pose no major issues for years to come.

DESIGN

New Lincoln Continental concept car attracting controversy

AUTO PILOT
Mike Goetz

Lincoln has made two moves of late, garnering lots of not-quite positive social and regular media coverage. The net result, however, has been totally positive for Lincoln.

Sales are up. More people are talking about Lincoln, yours truly included. Of course one of those moves was getting Mathew McConaughey to star in its commercials. These commercials are parodied so much, it has become a new and distinct comedic art form, to be practised and studied by generations to come.

The other move that got people talking was the design it rendered on the Lincoln Continental concept car, shown recently at the auto show in New York.

The design is pretty enough, but interest in the Continental ramped up even more after a certain Bentley designer, Luc Donckerwolke, said it was essentially a rip-off of the Bentley Flying Spur.

"I would have called it Flying Spur concept and kept the four round lights," said a peeved Donckerwolke on his Facebook page. He also posted this rhetorical question on the Facebook page of Lincoln's chief designer, David Woodhouse: "Do you want us to send the product tooling?" Not surprisingly, Woodhouse quickly deleted the comment.

Lincoln's Continental concept car drew comparisons to the Bentley Flying Spur. CONTRIBUTED

When interviewed later on the subject (by Car and Driver), Donckerwolke said he understood that lots of cars use dramatic wheel haunches and power lines that run down the side of the body — that wasn't his objection.

It was Lincoln's use of too many additional details, which ultimately in his mind created something too close to the Flying Spur. I guess it's a bit like when songwriters get called out for coming up with a tune that is too reminiscent of another song.

It seems to be OK to "re-interpret" or be "inspired" by another work, but when the whole package comes together, it better not immediately remind you of the original.

The Continental concept also got the discussion going on how Lincoln and its American luxury brand cohort, Cadillac, might rival Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Lexus, which still dominate the luxury segment, like the U.S and Canada dominate women's hockey. Cadillac showed off its new CT6 in New York, and with a very lightweight chassis and high-end suspension components, it aims to please with handling and performance — to better the German makes at their own game.

On the other hand, a production version of the Continental, which is slated to replace MKS, aims to please with less outright performance and more style and comfort, particularly in the back, where luxury buyers in China like to sit while being chauffeured.

When the production Continental is ready for prime time, I'm sure Mr. McConaughey will have something to say about it in yet another infamous television commercial.

Maybe something along the lines of, "All right, all right, all right." Maybe something else. Either way, can't wait.

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Old reliable leads young arms

MLB

Dickey takes to being role model for new wave of hurlers

The fact that R.A. Dickey was a senior in high school in Nashville before four of his fellow Blue Jays pitchers were born gives him a different perspective on the team's staff. With some of the pitchers, his leadership by example is less big brother and more father-son. It's an interesting dynamic for the 40-year-old, who takes the hill against the Yankees on Wednesday.

"You always have more in common with certain guys than you do with other guys," Dickey said. "It's just life. So you find a couple of guys that you think you can impact for the better and you try to do it. But a lot of it has to do with the way you go about your own business. Because these young kids, they're like children. They're watching their parents and seeing how to behave and if you behave the right way, they're going to act the right way. Some of it's just that."

> **We needed some guys to really step up. There was clearly some guys who did.**
>
> R.A. Dickey on the Blue Jays bullpen

Dickey and Mark Buehrle are not traditional staff aces, but what they do provide is a combined 400-plus innings that can be relied on, given good health. The other three starters are Drew Hutchison, 24, Aaron Sanchez, 22, and Daniel Norris, 21, and none are expected to carry the load.

"I'm not sure about (taking) pressure off them, but it might take a little pressure off the people managing the young people," Dickey said. "I think that's more it. If you ask them right now, they'd all say, 'I want to throw 200 innings, too.' But the people who are in charge of their careers are going to protect them. So it helps when you're protecting kids to have other guys that you don't have to protect as much."

The Jays' rotation is set up so Dickey and Buehrle space out the three youngsters. And there has long been discussion that a pitcher following a knuckleball specialist can benefit from a discombobulated lineup that was chasing the butterfly one day and facing a fastball the next. Dickey is not sure what advantage Norris will have against the Yankees on Thursday, but he sees it as a real thing with the relievers that follow him in the same game.

"I'm not sure what the data points to, but I will say that the people who come in after me in the course of a game have an advantage," Dickey said. "But Daniel Norris will have success because he's a good pitcher, not because he's following me. If it helps him, great. I think we have a nice variety to throw at a club over a series. You've got a knuckleballer, you've got a hard-throwing lefty, you've got Sanchez, (Buehrle and Hutchison). You show a lot of different looks and that can be helpful."

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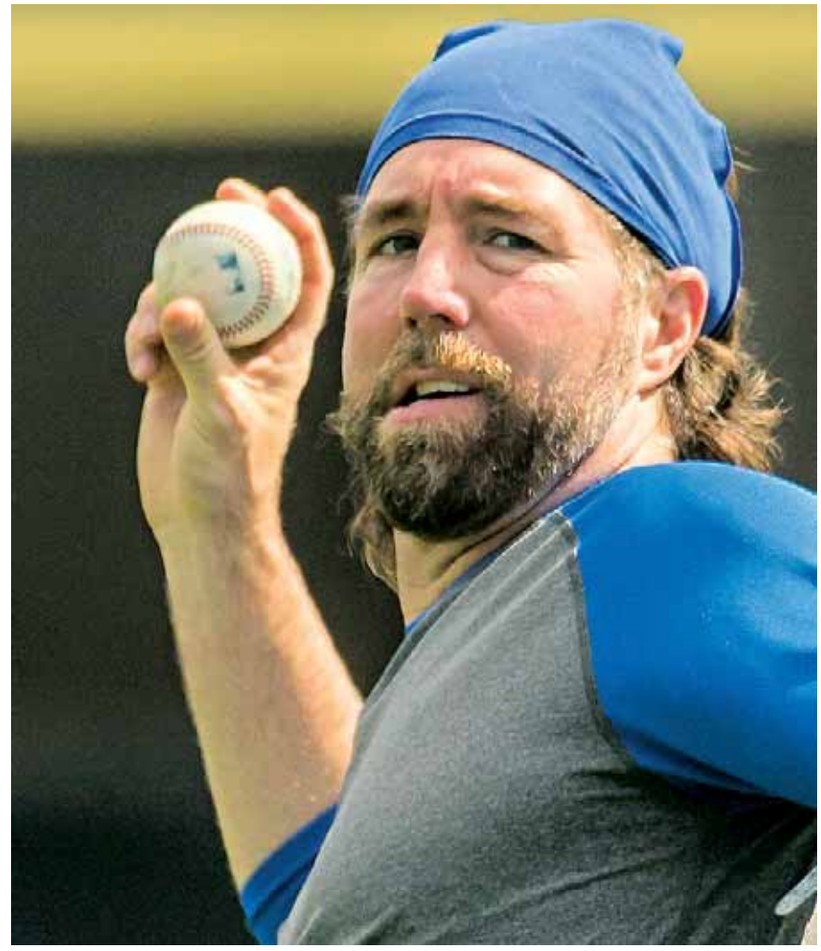
THE BUEHRLE BUMP

In 23 games versus the same opponent after a Mark Buehrle outing, Jays starters were 10-6, with seven no decisions.

Marcus Stroman, who turned in a fine rookie season, made nine post-Buehrle starts, with a 4-1 record and a 3.00 ERA, with 16 walks and 47 strikeouts in 57 innings. Stroman was 6-5, with a 3.55 ERA in 11 other starts.



At 40, R.A. Dickey is nearly twice the age of starting rotation mates Daniel Norris, 21, and Aaron Sanchez, 22. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Greivis airs his grievances

NBA

Raps PG says bigs are leaving too many boards on table

Greivis Vasquez has hit on another issue plaguing the Raptors defence, one that puts the team's big men squarely in the crosshairs of criticism.

It's work on the backboards.

"Everybody is talking about defence and we've got to stop the perimeter and dribble penetration and all that, the last two games, we got stops, we just didn't get a rebound," the team's fill-in starting point guard said Tuesday. "Obviously, if you let a team get 17 or 12 or 14 offensive rebound that could be potentially 14 stops and if you get half of that, it's seven or eight.

"We've got to do a better job rebounding."

Left unsaid, of course, is that rebounding deficiencies often go hand-in-hand with lax perimeter defence. The Raptors surely could be better on the glass and have had a tendency not to finish otherwise success defensive plays, but the big men are often left scrambling because the team's guards cannot keep opponents in front of them.

And once everyone gets moving and out of control, opportunities for opponents to get second-chance baskets increase exponentially.

That's Basketball 101 and something the team is working on daily.

"We'll see what shows up," coach Dwane Casey said of the team's next game, Wednesday night in Charlotte that follows two days of intense practice.

"We worked on rebounding, boxing out, guarding your man, rotations, everything; a mini-training camp."

It would help tremendously if the Raptors could get two injured starters — point guard Kyle Lowry and power forward Amir Johnson — back to at least play a bit before the regular season ends in a week.

Lowry went through another portion of practice Tuesday and Casey said his back was better but it was unlikely he would play in Charlotte. Johnson hasn't done anything on his injured ankle, although the coach did say he is moving better.

Having them back would return everyone to their regular roles and restore some semblance of order.

"I like the fact that we actually practised because it really helps our offence, defence, it really helps our chemistry and our rhythm," said Vasquez.

"I think our disposition has to be better. I think individually we have to do a better job."

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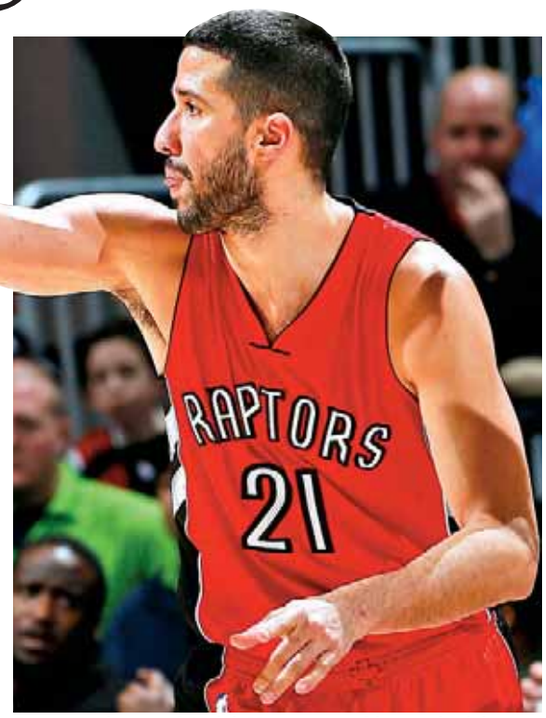
In their last two games, the Raptors have given up 12 and 17 offensive rebounds to the Boston Celtics and Brooklyn Nets respectively.



Raptors point guard Greivis Vasquez says his team is giving up too many defensive rebounds. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

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Blue Devils return home

Duke captain Quinn Cook says, "I think they've got to make some room up there" in the Cameron Indoor Stadium rafters for another banner.

The Blue Devils brought their latest national championship trophy back to campus Tuesday, with perhaps 8,000 fans flocking to Cameron in Durham, N.C., for this title celebration.

Duke earned banner No. 5 by beating Wisconsin 68-63 Monday night in Indianapolis. During Tuesday's rally, coach Mike Krzyzewski called this "my favourite year" — a strong statement for the man who has been there for 35 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke players Tyus Jones, left, and Quinn Cook celebrate on Monday night. GETTY IMAGES

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Masters double baffles Bubba

GOLF

Unpopular man on tour can't believe he has two jackets

Bubba Watson was strolling up to the ninth green, toward the Augusta National clubhouse and that towering oak tree, when he was struck by a fact that still seems a bit unreal. He's won the Masters not just once, but twice.

"I can't even believe it," Watson told his caddie, Ted Scott, during a practice round. "I'm still trying to get over 2012, and I haven't even got to 2014 yet."

Yet here he is, a champion two of the last three years, now trying to become only the fourth golfer in Masters history to defend his title. It's a very exclusive club, currently limited to three giants of the game: Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo and Tiger Woods.

Somehow, it just doesn't seem right — not even to Watson — that a good ol' boy from the Florida Panhandle, who taught himself to swing a golf club and approaches the game with a decidedly unconventional attitude, could even have a shot at joining such a list.

Bubba Watson wants a Masters triple but he is not overly popular with his fellow pros. GETTY IMAGES

Bubba and the Golden Bear?

Bubba and Sir Nick? Bubba and Tiger? C'mon, get real.

"How does a guy from my background make it?" Watson marvelled. "How does a guy from my background actually win it, and then win it again?"

When he captured his first green jacket three years ago, it was with a daring hook off the pine straw on the second playoff hole. "Bubba Golf," he called it, the sort of audacious shot most pros wouldn't even consider, much less attempt.

Watson's victory a year ago was much less dramatic, though no less impressive. He overcame a three-shot deficit to Jordan Spieth with back-to-back birdies at the eighth and ninth holes, was steady as can be on the back side, and pulled away for a three-stroke victory. "To have the green jacket twice wrapped around me, I still can't believe it," he said.

Not that it's a fluke.

While his game has never been better — Watson earned his seventh career victory at the World Golf Championship in November, was a runner-up this year at Phoenix, and comes into Augusta ranked third in the world — he remains a polarizing figure, a guy with an insular view of the world and not always a man of the people.

"23 pros said they wouldn't defend Watson in a fist fight.
Results of ESPN's golf poll

That reputation tailed him all the way to the Masters, when ESPN released a survey that showed he's easily the least popular player among his fellow PGA Tour competitors. Watson didn't dispute that he's had some "mess-ups" along the way.

He said he hopes to use the criticism to become a better person.

"I take it as I need to improve as a man," he said. "I need to get better. And I think over my career, since my rookie season to now, I've gotten better. But obviously there's more room for me to improve as a man."

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IN BRIEF

McIlroy not distracted by lack of success at Augusta

He's the No. 1 player in the world, winner of the last two majors and star of a poignant new Nike commercial he admits to having watched — but only once. If this was any other Masters, Rory McIlroy would be the talk of golf and the biggest story of the week. That he's not — at least right now — is only because a guy named Tiger Woods decided to embark on his latest comeback on the undulating greens of Augusta National. And that's not necessarily a bad thing as McIlroy prepares for the seventh Masters of his young career. For all his success, the biggest hole in his resume is that he has yet to win a green jacket. "Does it give people something else to talk about? Yes," McIlroy said. "But I'm not necessarily listening to anything anyone is saying, so doesn't really make a difference to me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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3. Spread one-half of each of the tortillas with one quarter of the tomato mixture. Top with slices of chicken and the shredded cheese. Fold in 2 sides and roll up. Place the wraps in a clean grill pan and cook for 5 minutes, turning halfway, just enough to warm through. (Or heat in a 400 F oven for 5 minutes until warm.) Cut in half and serve.

Ingredients
- 8 oz skinless boneless chicken breasts (about 2 breasts)
- 1/2 cup diced plum tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1/3 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 4 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp hot chili sauce
- pinch of salt and pepper
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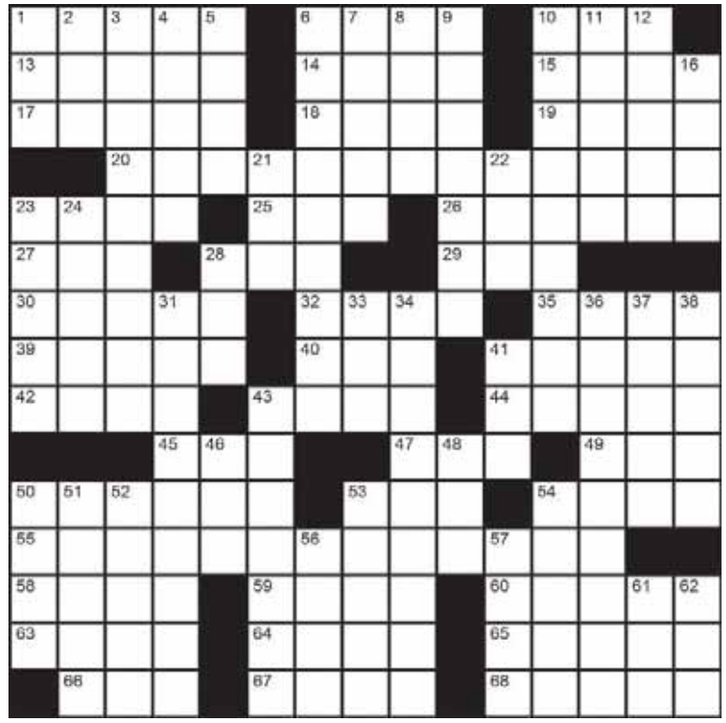

ACROSS
1. #55-Across hit: "All the Things I _"
6. Absalom's killer
10. PC port
13. Actress Mary
14. 'Appear' suffix
15. Apex
17. Swerve-ish
18. Requisite
19. Calgary's Best Walks author Ms. Beattie
20. Kathleen Edwards' "_ _ _ _, You Get the Glory"
23. "The Facts of Life" role
25. Q. "I'm wondering _ '_' is the 15th letter?" A. "It is."
26. As per #6-Down... Vancouver-born actor John who played Muley
27. Poke
28. _ Paulo, Brazil
29. And: German
30. Vote in
32. Pleasant
35. Chichen _ (Mayan city)
39. Stockpile
40. Play-_
41. Start
42. Polynesian amulet
43. Mare's hair
44. Spry
45. "Evita" (1996) character
47. Inquire
49. Ancient 1501
50. Potato pancakes
53. Techie buy
54. Time _ _ a premium
55. As per #1-Across... Band, with The, from Kelowna, BC: 3 wds.
58. Prong
59. Opposing
60. 'Beaut' suffix
63. "Mary _ _ little..."
64. Hidden valley
65. Feudal lord
66. Variantly-spelled French lily
67. Literature governess Jane
68. EDM instrument

DOWN
1. Audio file format
2. 'Purch' addon (Buy)
3. Author of the book (with The) at #55-Across: John _ (b.1902 - d.1968)
4. Canadian actress Ms. Shearer
5. "_ _ Little Tenderness"
6. Daughter of actor Henry (He starred in the 1940 movie adaptation of #3-Down's book at #55-Across): 2 wds.
7. Two down, _ _ go...
8. Banda _ (City in Sumatra in Indonesia)
9. Central _, PEI
10. Computer-user's activity at times
11. 1988 Summer Olympics locale
12. Freight-carrying boat
16. The Greg _ Band
21. Car company
22. Greyish-brown
23. Throw out
24. _ Lama
28. Sault Marie link
31. Hummus ingredients
33. 'Opt' suffix
34. Jess Moskaluke's "_ _ and Cigarettes"
36. 1926 chalk portrait by Canadian artist Edwin Holgate: _ Chief (Samuel Gaum)
37. Nintendo's The Legend of _
38. Swallowed the loss: 2 wds.
41. Hardwood choice
43. Remy Shand's "Take a _"
46. "_ Haw"
48. April's seas.
50. Carpentry meas.
51. Typeface type
52. Actress Jessica
53. Following
54. Mouse on "The Simpsons"
56. Exclusively
57. River islets
61. Social bug
62. Book before Esth.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Some topics are best avoided today if you want to steer clear of heated arguments. The problem though is that the most divisive issues tend to be the ones on which you have the most to say. Oh go on then, be controversial.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Try not to change things for the sake of it over the next 24 hours. You are thinking of altering something because others have been criticizing you for being too traditional. They're right, you are — but so what?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The planets are moving in your favour now, so think positive and positive things are sure to occur. If you are in any way artistic you can create something special over the next few weeks.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The decisions you make today will either come back to help you or come back to haunt you later in the month, so make sure they are good decisions emotionally and financially.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Some problems go away if you take no notice of them but the problem you are wrestling with at the moment needs to be dealt with immediately.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This could be a confusing day in that something is so obviously going right for you now but you still feel it could fall apart at any moment. Stop worrying about what the future will hold and live in the moment.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is one of the best times of the year for relationships, so don't worry if you have not seen eye to eye with certain people of late. You are still very much on the same level mentally and emotionally.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What seems unimportant to you may be of earth-shattering significance to someone else, so don't dismiss their worries out of hand. Try showing a bit of empathy over the next 24 hours.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
With the Sun, Mercury and Uranus moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart you should be out there in the world making things happen. If you can't from where you are, go some place else.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to let your emotions get the better of you today. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to money matters.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have no option now but to accept that partners and colleagues have the upper hand. But you can plan ahead and look forward to a time when you are back in control.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some people say you should speak softly and carry a big stick, but why do you need a stick when you know you can charm anyone you please? Your way with words is all the protection you need.

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